

## **APPLICATION**

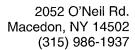
## PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete form, sign, and date. See applicable application packet for all required checklist items.

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May 26, 2023

To: Ulysses Planning Board 10 Elm St. Trumansburg, NY 14886

RE: Karl Klankowski Tram – 1375 Taughannock Blvd

Hello,

On behalf of Karl Klankowski, FLX Tram LLC proposes to build an 80' tram system at a 45-degree slope that will allow 1-4 passengers to safely travel from the upper portion of the owner's yard to the lower level of his yard (above the shoreline). The overall tram footprint is very small due to the aluminum piping pile system design and has little to no impact to the local environment.

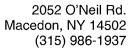
The current staircase on the property (52 - 9) steps at 45 deg) has become an increasingly large hardship for the homeowner (age 72) to safely navigate. A tram system would be a safe and dependable addition for him to access his shoreline and dock. The dangers of winter ice buildup and annual weathering make the current stairs unsafe during certain seasons.

The northern property line of the home is an intermittent creek-bed; currently the proposed tram layout is within the intermittent creek buffer zone of 75' (§212-124). The proposed tram site resides roughly 30' from the creek bed, therefore having minimal to no impact to the intermittent water flow and storm runoff. The 30' strip of land between the intermittent creek and proposed tram structure will remain untouched minus the removal of the current stairs, which the ZBA requested. (See Picture 1 & 2)

The eastern property line of the home is Cayuga Lake shoreline (Picture 5 & 6). The tram will travel down the slope; the lower portion will be within the 50' buffer zone of the lake (§212-124). The tram landing will have little to no impact on the lake due to the non-corrosive properties of the materials used in construction and the non-invasive construction methods. FLX Tram uses a hand carried gas pounder to install the aluminum pilings into the ground to create a minimally intrusive, yet strong substructure for the tram. Also, FLX Tram will use silt fencing during the construction phase to protect sediment erosion and will re-seed using a blend of red fescue, red top and perennial rye upon project completion.

The tram system support structure consists of a hoist frame (four pilings), upper and lower stations (eight pilings), and two vertical support pilings every 12' of track. The proposed tram is roughly 80' in length, requiring a total of 26 aluminum pilings. The cross area of one hollow piling equals 1.29 in<sup>2</sup> so in total the area of the substructure disturbance will be  $(26 \times 1.29 \text{ in}^2) = 33.50 \text{ in}^2$ .

The total acreage of the property is 0.67 and consists of mainly heavy vegetation with several large trees (> 10" diameter) towards the western side of the property. The overall shape of the property is





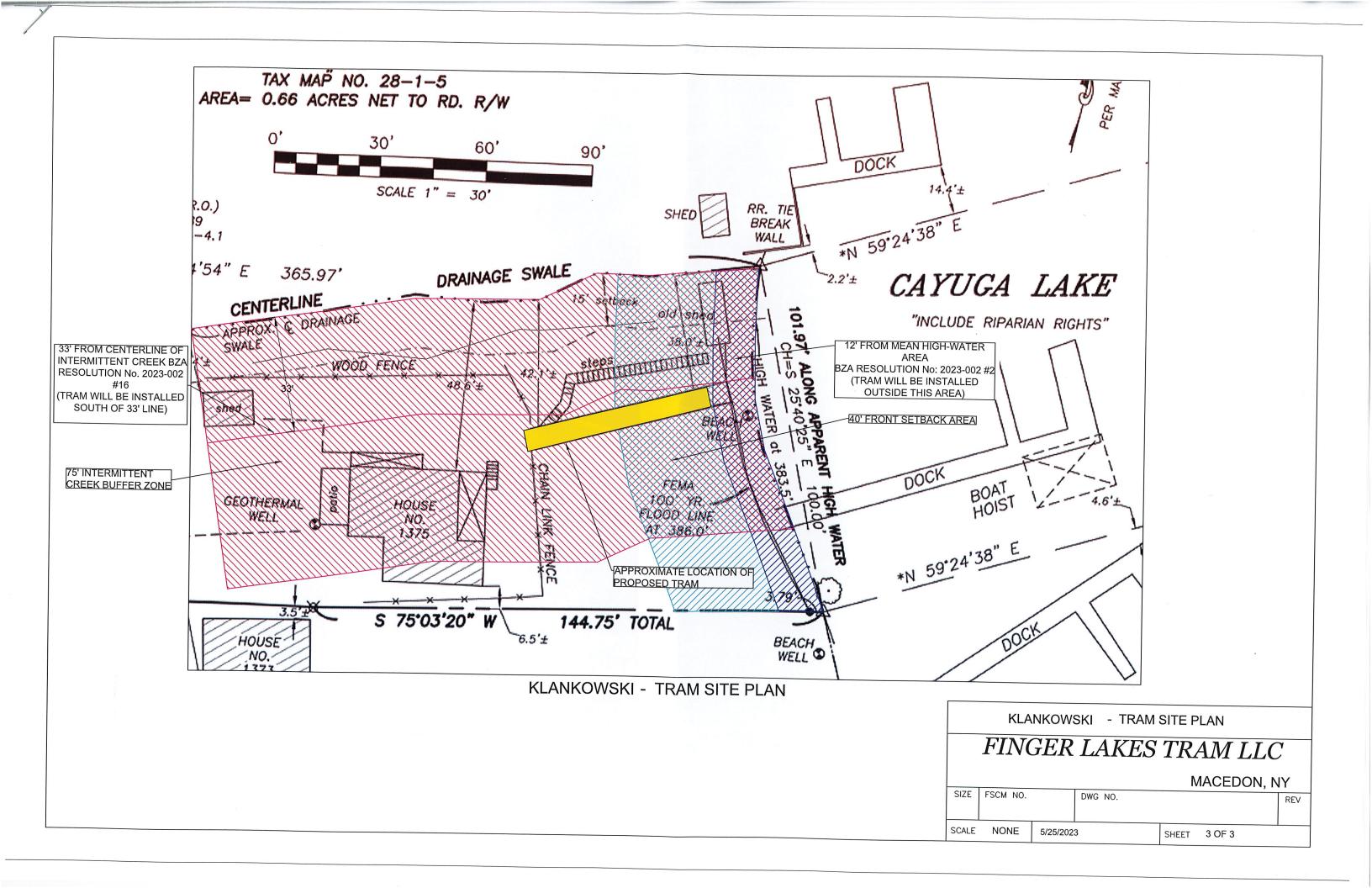
rectangular and is roughly 100' wide x 350' in length. There is a 40–45-degree slope on the western side of the property line which borders Cayuga Lake. According to the Tompkins County Planning Department Natural Resources Inventory the soil composition of the area is Lacustrine Silt & Clay.

The minimal substructural disturbance (33.50in<sup>2</sup>) will encourage local flora to grow in the tram superstructural areas and maintain erosion protection on the slope. The track beams and cabin will be installed roughly 1-3 feet above ground level allowing natural vegetation to grow under and next to the system. Before construction, roughly 6-8 small trees (<6" diameter) will be removed (Picture 4) This will allow re-growth of the original ground cover including all grasses, saplings and other understory flora to return to its similar previous state.

Please call with any questions or clarifications. Have a great day!

Josh

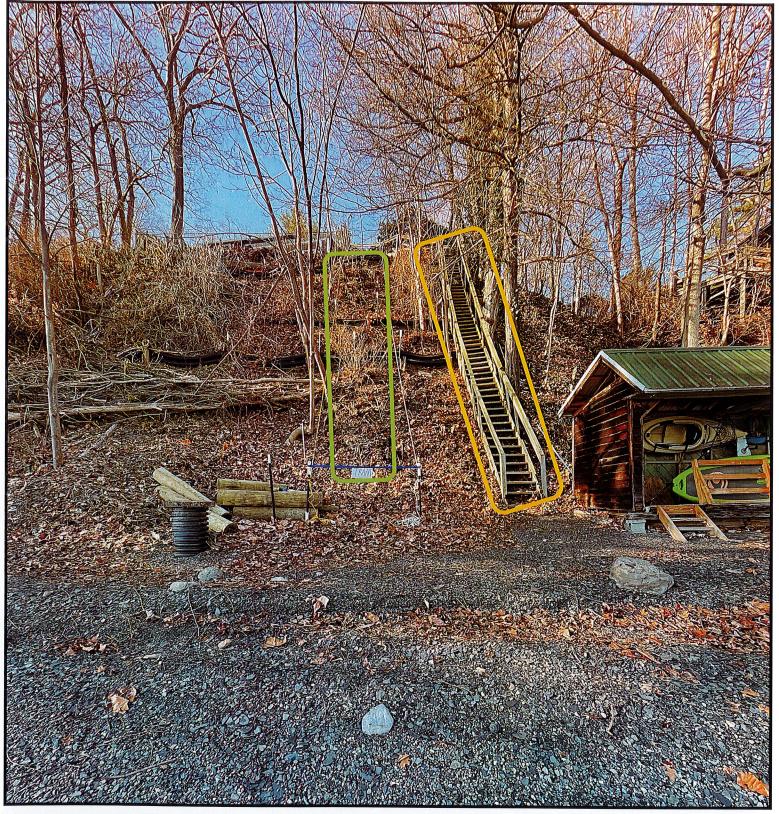
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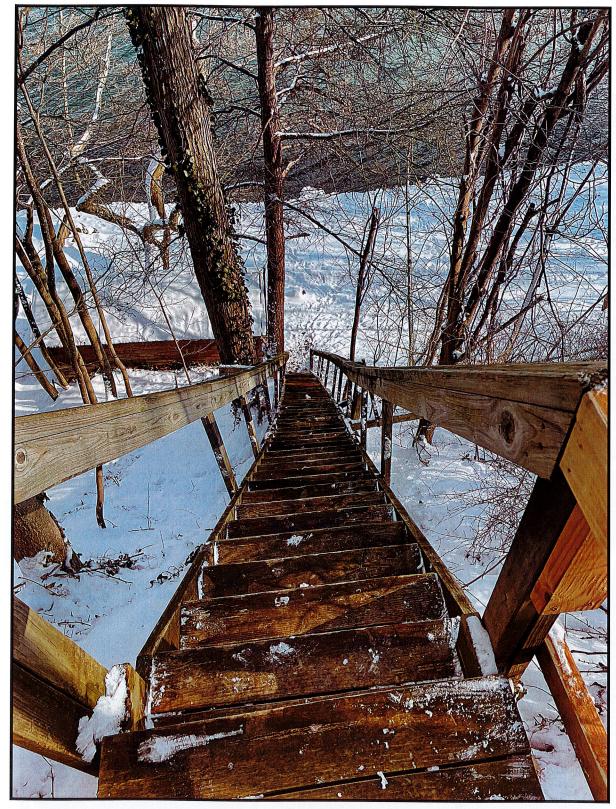
## Proposed Tram Site Pictures— 1375 Taughannock Blvd



Intermittent Creek Bed (Northern Property Line)& Existing Shed

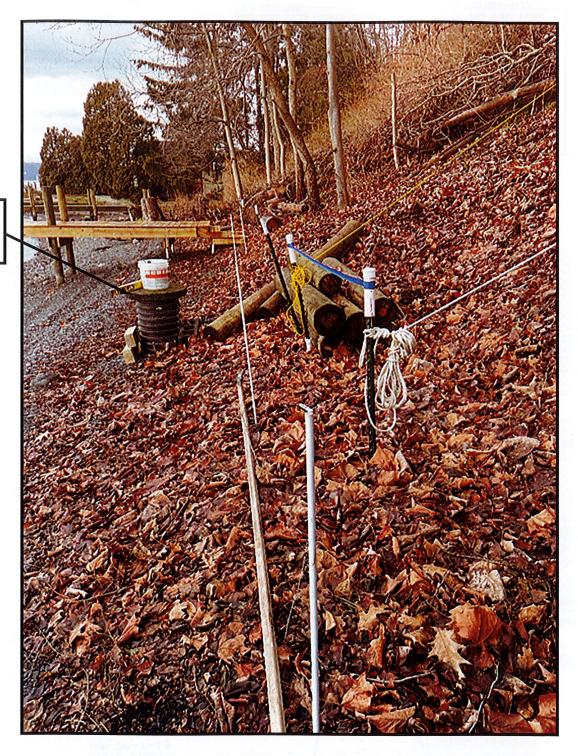


2 Existing Stair path & Shed
Proposed Tram Path - Existing Stair Path -



**Existing Stairs of Property** (proposed tram will be located to the right side of stairs)

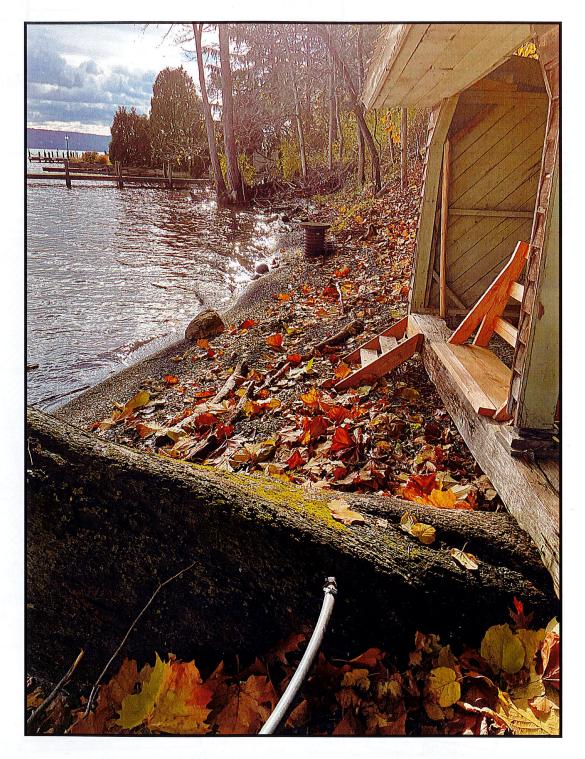
Site of Proposed Tram Path & Existing Stairs



BEACH WELL

(See survey for reference)

The white stakes mark the edge of the 100 year flood plain (386.0') —Tram will terminate 12' from Mean High Water Line



Lake at 383.5' - this matches TG Miller
Survey "Apparent High water line" Tram
(will terminate 12' from Line)

